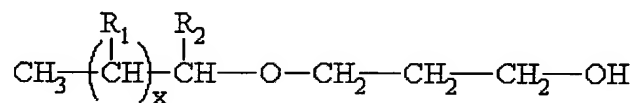


BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL COMPOSITIONS  
AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

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Abstract of the Invention

A detergent composition having cold water solubility and exhibiting high calcium tolerance can be produced from biodegradable branched ether derivative compositions derived from a branched ether primary alcohol represented by the formula:



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wherein  $\text{R}_1$  represents hydrogen or a hydrocarbyl radical having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms,  $\text{R}_2$  represents a hydrocarbyl radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms,  $x$  is a number ranging from 0 to 16, preferably from 3 to 13, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in the alcohol ranges from 9 to 24.